

*2003 Appendix A: Technical Notes*

## **Births and Deaths**



## APPENDIX A: TECHNICAL NOTES

### Vital Statistics Registration in Utah

Centralized vital statistics registration for the State of Utah was first established by act of the Utah Legislature in 1905. Sections 26-2-1 through 26-2-28, Utah Code Annotated, 1953 as amended, provide the current statutory authority<sup>1</sup>.

### Section 26-2-3

(1) The department shall:

- (a) provide offices properly equipped for the preservation of vital records made or received under this chapter;
- (b) establish a statewide vital records system for the registration, collection, preservation, amendment, and certification of vital records and other similar documents required by this chapter and activities related to them, including the tabulation, analysis, and publication of vital statistics;
- (c) prescribe forms for certificates, certification, reports, and other documents and records necessary to establish and maintain a statewide system of vital records;
- (d) prepare an annual compilation, analysis, and publication of statistics derived from vital records; and
- (e) appoint a state registrar to direct the statewide system of vital records.

(2) The department may:

- (a) divide the state from time to time into registration districts; and
- (b) appoint local registrars for registration districts who under the direction and supervision of the state registrar shall perform all duties required by them by this chapter and department rules.

Under Utah's statutes, full-time health officers of local health departments become ex officio local registrars and are responsible for the registration of certificates for all births and deaths that occur within their respective jurisdictions. Figure A-1 is a list of local health departments, registrars and deputy registrars. Each of the twelve local health departments reside over a local health district.

The local health districts (also referred to as "districts" in this report) and respective counties are Bear River (Box Elder, Cach and Rich), Central Utah (Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier and Wayne), Davis, Salt Lake, Southeastern (Carbon, Emery, Grand and San Juan), Southwest (Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington), Summit, Tooele, Tri-county (Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah), Utah, Wasatch, and Weber-Morgan (Morgan and Weber). Figure A-2 is a Utah map which shows the county boundaries.

### Source of Data

Vital statistics certificates filed with the state Office of Vital Records and Statistics are the primary source of data presented within this report. These records include certificates of live birth, death and fetal death. Source data of official population estimates for the state are provided by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

### Forms for certificates

Utah's certificates of live birth, death and fetal death are revised periodically to include items on the recommended national "Standard Certificates," with modifications and additions to meet particular needs in Utah. Figures A-3 through A-6 show current copies of the Certificate of Live Birth, Certificate of Death, and Fetal Death Certificate.

### Quality and Limitations of Data

Limitations of the data must be recognized before valid interpretation is possible. For vital statistics data, these limitations are related to the difficulties in reporting and classifying information and to some under-registration of events. It is necessary to exercise particular caution when evaluating vital statistics trend data, since medical concepts, code definitions and method of assigning causes of death have changed over the years. There was a major change in the death coding system for data year 1999 when ICD-10 was implemented.

**Figure A-1**

**Local Health Districts, Registrars and Deputy Registrars  
October 2004**

**Bear River District**  
655 East 1300 North  
Logan, Utah 84341

Registrar: John C. Bailey  
Deputy Registrar: Leslie Olson

**Central Utah District**  
70 Westview Drive  
Richfield, Utah 84701

Registrar: Robert Resendes  
Deputy Registrar: Dixie Sorensen

**Davis County**  
50 East State Street  
Farmington, Utah 84025-0618

Registrar: Lewis Garrett  
Deputy Registrar: Karla Smith

**Salt Lake Valley Health Dept.**  
610 South 200 East  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Registrar: Patty Pavey  
Deputy Registrar: Ellen Freeman

**Southeast Utah District**  
28 South 100 East  
P.O. Box 800  
Price, Utah 84501

Registrar: David Cunningham  
Deputy Registrar: Jeanne Thompson

**Southwest Utah Public Health**  
168 North 100 East  
St. George, Utah 84770

Registrar: Gary Edwards  
Deputy Registrar: Sandra Stubblefield

**Summit County Public Health**  
85 North 50 East  
Coalville, Utah 84017

Registrar: Steve Jenkins  
Deputy Registrar: RaNae Crittenden

**Tooele County**  
151 North Main  
Tooele, Utah 84074

Registrar: Myron Bateman  
Deputy Registrar: Nikki Scow

**Tri County District**  
147 East Main  
Vernal, Utah 84078

Registrar: Joseph Shaffer  
Deputy Registrar: Crystal Slaugh

**Utah County**  
151 South University Avenue  
Provo, Utah 84601

Registrar: Joseph K. Miner  
Deputy Registrar: Ruth Nelson

**Wasatch City/County**  
55 South 500 East  
Heber City, Utah 84032-1918

Registrar: Phil D. Wright  
Deputy Registrar: Janet Norton

**Weber/Morgan District**  
2570 Grant Avenue  
Ogden, Utah 84401

Registrar: Gary House  
Deputy Registrar: Lynette Satterfield

Figure A-2

MAP OF UTAH WITH COUNTY BORDERS

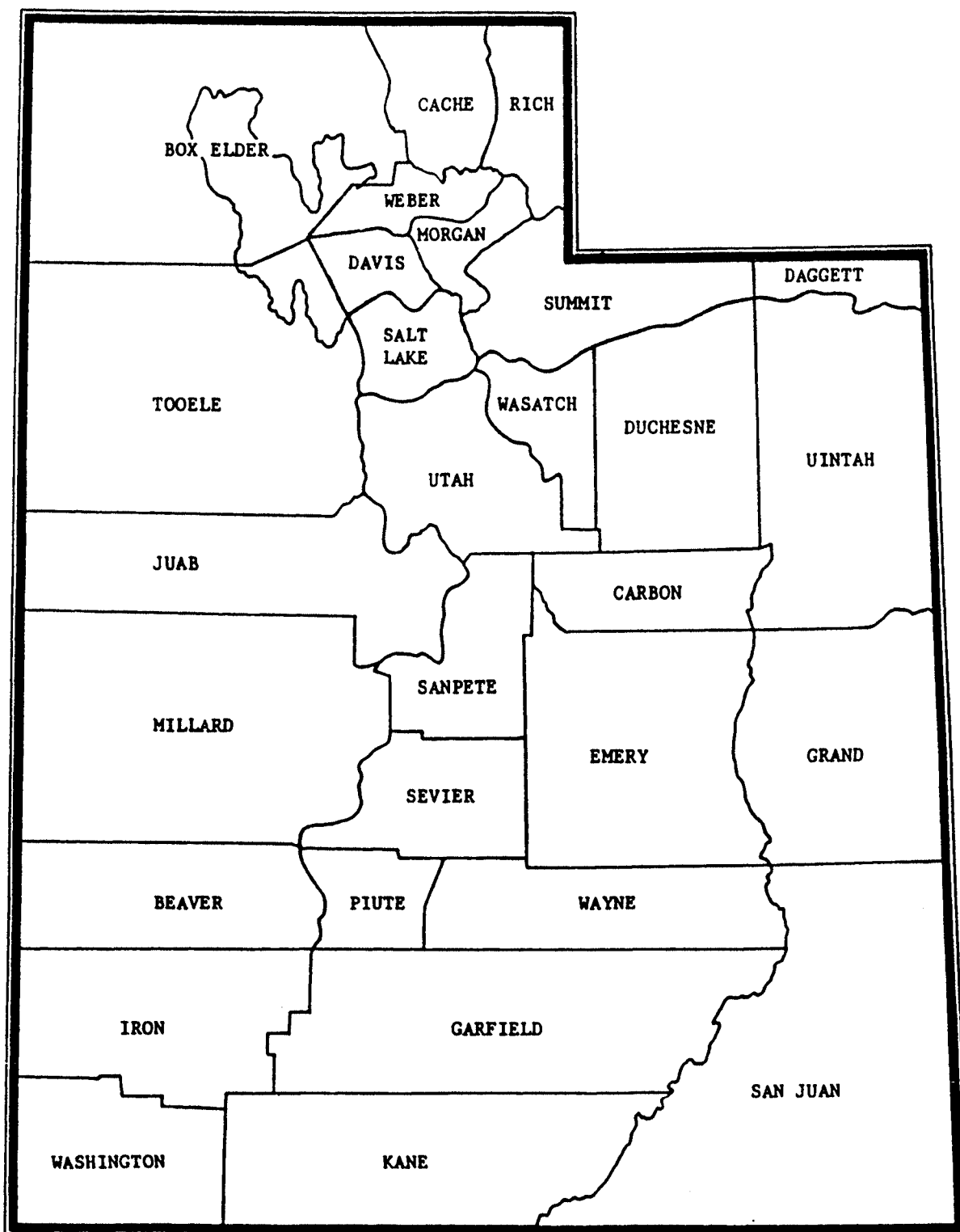


Figure A-3

STATE OF UTAH - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
**CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH**

LOCAL FILE NUMBER		FIRST		MIDDLE		LAST		STATE BIRTH NUMBER	
<b>CHILD</b>	1. CHILD'S NAME								
	2. SEX	3a. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)							
	4a. PLACE OF BIRTH	3b. TIME OF BIRTH (24 Hour Clock)							
	4b. PLACE OF BIRTH - HOSPITAL NAME (if not in hospital, give street and number)	4c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF BIRTH							
<b>HOSPITAL CERTIFIER</b>	5a. I CERTIFY THAT THIS CHILD WAS BORN ALIVE AT THE PLACE AND TIME AND ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.	5b. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year)							
	5c. CERTIFIER'S NAME & TITLE	5d. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year)							
	6a. I CERTIFY THAT THIS CHILD WAS BORN ALIVE AT THE PLACE AND TIME AND ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.	6b. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year)							
	6c. ATTENDANT'S NAME AND TITLE (MIDWIFE, CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE, OTHER MIDWIFE, OTHER)	6d. MAILING ADDRESS OF ATTENDANT (Street, or RFD, No., City or Town, State, Zip)							
<b>MEDICAL ATTENDANT</b>	7a. MOTHER'S NAME	7b. MAIDEN LAST NAME							
	8. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)	9. STATE OF BIRTH (if not in USA, name country)							
	10a. RESIDENCE - STREET AND NUMBER OF RESIDENCE	10b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION							
	10c. INSIDE CITY LIMITS	10d. STATE							
<b>MOTHER</b>	11a. MOTHER'S MAILING ADDRESS (if same as above, enter zip code only)	11b. CITY OR TOWN							
	11c. STATE	11d. ZIP CODE							
	12. FATHER'S NAME	13. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)							
	14. STATE OF BIRTH (if not USA, name country)	15. IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY: I wish to enroll my child in the Immunization Registry							
<b>FATHER</b>	15a. I certify that the personal information provided on this certificate is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. (Signature of Parent or other informant)	16a. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE							
	16b. DATE RECEIVED	16c. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>							

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Figure A-4

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH USE ONLY (UCA 26-2 AND 26-25)

COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS									
It is the responsibility of the attendant to complete all of the following items.									
17a. MOTHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last)	17b. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	30. DATE OF LAST NORMAL MENSTRUATION (Month, Day, Year)	31. MONTH OF PREGNANCY CARE BEGAN (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, ETC.)	32. NO. OF PRE-NATAL VISITS	33. MOTHER TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO DELIVERY? (If yes, enter name and State of facility transferred from:)	34. PREGNANCY HISTORY (Complete each section)	35. ANTEPARTUM PROCEDURES DURING THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	36. METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	37. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY (Check all that apply)
18a. FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last)	18b. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	33a. DATE OF LAST LIVE BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)	33b. DATE OF LAST OTHER TERMINATION (Month, Day, Year)	33c. DATE OF LAST LIVE BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)	33d. DATE OF LAST OTHER TERMINATION (Month, Day, Year)	33e. DATE OF LAST LIVE BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)	33f. DATE OF LAST OTHER TERMINATION (Month, Day, Year)	33g. DATE OF LAST LIVE BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)	33h. DATE OF LAST OTHER TERMINATION (Month, Day, Year)
19. Has a relative of the baby had a hearing loss that existed since childhood? (Permanent, Hereditary loss)	19a. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	20. MOTHER OF HISPANIC ORIGIN?	20a. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	20b. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	20c. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	20d. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	20e. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	20f. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	20g. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
21. MOTHER'S RACE - American Indian (Tribal may be entered), Black, White, Japanese, etc. (Specify below)	21a. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	21b. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	21c. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	21d. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	21e. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	21f. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	21g. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	21h. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	21i. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
22a. MOTHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	22b. MOTHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	22c. MOTHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	22d. MOTHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	22e. MOTHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	22f. MOTHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	22g. MOTHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	22h. MOTHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	22i. MOTHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	22j. MOTHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR
23. MOTHER MARRIED? (At birth, conception, or any time between)	23a. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	23b. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	23c. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	23d. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	23e. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	23f. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	23g. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	23h. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	23i. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
24. MOTHER'S HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (Mother's height: _____ feet _____ inches)	24a. MOTHER'S HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (Mother's height: _____ feet _____ inches)	24b. MOTHER'S HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (Mother's height: _____ feet _____ inches)	24c. MOTHER'S HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (Mother's height: _____ feet _____ inches)	24d. MOTHER'S HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (Mother's height: _____ feet _____ inches)	24e. MOTHER'S HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (Mother's height: _____ feet _____ inches)	24f. MOTHER'S HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (Mother's height: _____ feet _____ inches)	24g. MOTHER'S HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (Mother's height: _____ feet _____ inches)	24h. MOTHER'S HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (Mother's height: _____ feet _____ inches)	24i. MOTHER'S HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (Mother's height: _____ feet _____ inches)
25. OTHER RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY	25a. OTHER RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY	25b. OTHER RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY	25c. OTHER RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY	25d. OTHER RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY	25e. OTHER RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY	25f. OTHER RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY	25g. OTHER RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY	25h. OTHER RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY	25i. OTHER RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY
26. FATHER'S RACE - American Indian (Tribal may be entered), Black, White, Japanese, etc. (Specify below)	26a. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	26b. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	26c. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	26d. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	26e. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	26f. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	26g. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	26h. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	26i. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
27. FATHER'S RACE - American Indian (Tribal may be entered), Black, White, Japanese, etc. (Specify below)	27a. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	27b. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	27c. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	27d. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	27e. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	27f. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	27g. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	27h. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	27i. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
28. FATHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	28a. FATHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	28b. FATHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	28c. FATHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	28d. FATHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	28e. FATHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	28f. FATHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	28g. FATHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	28h. FATHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR	28i. FATHER'S OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR
29. MEDICAL RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	29a. MEDICAL RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	29b. MEDICAL RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	29c. MEDICAL RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	29d. MEDICAL RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	29e. MEDICAL RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	29f. MEDICAL RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	29g. MEDICAL RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	29h. MEDICAL RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	29i. MEDICAL RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)
30. DATE OF LAST NORMAL MENSTRUATION (Month, Day, Year)	30a. DATE OF LAST NORMAL MENSTRUATION (Month, Day, Year)	30b. DATE OF LAST NORMAL MENSTRUATION (Month, Day, Year)	30c. DATE OF LAST NORMAL MENSTRUATION (Month, Day, Year)	30d. DATE OF LAST NORMAL MENSTRUATION (Month, Day, Year)	30e. DATE OF LAST NORMAL MENSTRUATION (Month, Day, Year)	30f. DATE OF LAST NORMAL MENSTRUATION (Month, Day, Year)	30g. DATE OF LAST NORMAL MENSTRUATION (Month, Day, Year)	30h. DATE OF LAST NORMAL MENSTRUATION (Month, Day, Year)	30i. DATE OF LAST NORMAL MENSTRUATION (Month, Day, Year)
31. MONTH OF PREGNANCY CARE BEGAN (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, ETC.)	31a. MONTH OF PREGNANCY CARE BEGAN (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, ETC.)	31b. MONTH OF PREGNANCY CARE BEGAN (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, ETC.)	31c. MONTH OF PREGNANCY CARE BEGAN (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, ETC.)	31d. MONTH OF PREGNANCY CARE BEGAN (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, ETC.)	31e. MONTH OF PREGNANCY CARE BEGAN (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, ETC.)	31f. MONTH OF PREGNANCY CARE BEGAN (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, ETC.)	31g. MONTH OF PREGNANCY CARE BEGAN (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, ETC.)	31h. MONTH OF PREGNANCY CARE BEGAN (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, ETC.)	31i. MONTH OF PREGNANCY CARE BEGAN (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, ETC.)
32. NO. OF PRE-NATAL VISITS	32a. NO. OF PRE-NATAL VISITS	32b. NO. OF PRE-NATAL VISITS	32c. NO. OF PRE-NATAL VISITS	32d. NO. OF PRE-NATAL VISITS	32e. NO. OF PRE-NATAL VISITS	32f. NO. OF PRE-NATAL VISITS	32g. NO. OF PRE-NATAL VISITS	32h. NO. OF PRE-NATAL VISITS	32i. NO. OF PRE-NATAL VISITS
33. MOTHER TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO DELIVERY? (If yes, enter name and State of facility transferred from:)	33a. MOTHER TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO DELIVERY? (If yes, enter name and State of facility transferred from:)	33b. MOTHER TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO DELIVERY? (If yes, enter name and State of facility transferred from:)	33c. MOTHER TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO DELIVERY? (If yes, enter name and State of facility transferred from:)	33d. MOTHER TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO DELIVERY? (If yes, enter name and State of facility transferred from:)	33e. MOTHER TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO DELIVERY? (If yes, enter name and State of facility transferred from:)	33f. MOTHER TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO DELIVERY? (If yes, enter name and State of facility transferred from:)	33g. MOTHER TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO DELIVERY? (If yes, enter name and State of facility transferred from:)	33h. MOTHER TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO DELIVERY? (If yes, enter name and State of facility transferred from:)	33i. MOTHER TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO DELIVERY? (If yes, enter name and State of facility transferred from:)
34. PREGNANCY HISTORY (Complete each section)	34a. PREGNANCY HISTORY (Complete each section)	34b. PREGNANCY HISTORY (Complete each section)	34c. PREGNANCY HISTORY (Complete each section)	34d. PREGNANCY HISTORY (Complete each section)	34e. PREGNANCY HISTORY (Complete each section)	34f. PREGNANCY HISTORY (Complete each section)	34g. PREGNANCY HISTORY (Complete each section)	34h. PREGNANCY HISTORY (Complete each section)	34i. PREGNANCY HISTORY (Complete each section)
35. ANTEPARTUM PROCEDURES DURING THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	35a. ANTEPARTUM PROCEDURES DURING THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	35b. ANTEPARTUM PROCEDURES DURING THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	35c. ANTEPARTUM PROCEDURES DURING THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	35d. ANTEPARTUM PROCEDURES DURING THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	35e. ANTEPARTUM PROCEDURES DURING THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	35f. ANTEPARTUM PROCEDURES DURING THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	35g. ANTEPARTUM PROCEDURES DURING THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	35h. ANTEPARTUM PROCEDURES DURING THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)	35i. ANTEPARTUM PROCEDURES DURING THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply)
36. METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	36a. METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	36b. METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	36c. METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	36d. METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	36e. METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	36f. METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	36g. METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	36h. METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	36i. METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check all that apply)
37. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	37a. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	37b. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	37c. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	37d. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	37e. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	37f. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	37g. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	37h. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY (Check all that apply)	37i. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY (Check all that apply)
38. BIRTH WEIGHT (grams)	38a. BIRTH WEIGHT (grams)	38b. BIRTH WEIGHT (grams)	38c. BIRTH WEIGHT (grams)	38d. BIRTH WEIGHT (grams)	38e. BIRTH WEIGHT (grams)	38f. BIRTH WEIGHT (grams)	38g. BIRTH WEIGHT (grams)	38h. BIRTH WEIGHT (grams)	38i. BIRTH WEIGHT (grams)
39. THIS BIRTH SINGLE, TWIN, TRIPLET, ETC.	39a. THIS BIRTH SINGLE, TWIN, TRIPLET, ETC.	39b. THIS BIRTH SINGLE, TWIN, TRIPLET, ETC.	39c. THIS BIRTH SINGLE, TWIN, TRIPLET, ETC.	39d. THIS BIRTH SINGLE, TWIN, TRIPLET, ETC.	39e. THIS BIRTH SINGLE, TWIN, TRIPLET, ETC.	39f. THIS BIRTH SINGLE, TWIN, TRIPLET, ETC.	39g. THIS BIRTH SINGLE, TWIN, TRIPLET, ETC.	39h. THIS BIRTH SINGLE, TWIN, TRIPLET, ETC.	39i. THIS BIRTH SINGLE, TWIN, TRIPLET, ETC.
40. IF NOT SINGLE, BIRTH BORN 1ST, 2ND, 3RD	40a. IF NOT SINGLE, BIRTH BORN 1ST, 2ND, 3RD	40b. IF NOT SINGLE, BIRTH BORN 1ST, 2ND, 3RD	40c. IF NOT SINGLE, BIRTH BORN 1ST, 2ND, 3RD	40d. IF NOT SINGLE, BIRTH BORN 1ST, 2ND, 3RD	40e. IF NOT SINGLE, BIRTH BORN 1ST, 2ND, 3RD	40f. IF NOT SINGLE, BIRTH BORN 1ST, 2ND, 3RD	40g. IF NOT SINGLE, BIRTH BORN 1ST, 2ND, 3RD	40h. IF NOT SINGLE, BIRTH BORN 1ST, 2ND, 3RD	40i. IF NOT SINGLE, BIRTH BORN 1ST, 2ND, 3RD
41. CLINICAL ESTIMATE OF GESTATION (number of weeks)	41a. CLINICAL ESTIMATE OF GESTATION (number of weeks)	41b. CLINICAL ESTIMATE OF GESTATION (number of weeks)	41c. CLINICAL ESTIMATE OF GESTATION (number of weeks)	41d. CLINICAL ESTIMATE OF GESTATION (number of weeks)	41e. CLINICAL ESTIMATE OF GESTATION (number of weeks)	41f. CLINICAL ESTIMATE OF GESTATION (number of weeks)	41g. CLINICAL ESTIMATE OF GESTATION (number of weeks)	41h. CLINICAL ESTIMATE OF GESTATION (number of weeks)	41i. CLINICAL ESTIMATE OF GESTATION (number of weeks)
42. Apgar Score	42a. Apgar Score	42b. Apgar Score	42c. Apgar Score	42d. Apgar Score	42e. Apgar Score	42f. Apgar Score	42g. Apgar Score	42h. Apgar Score	42i. Apgar Score
43. INFANT TRANSFERRED? (YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter name of facility transferred to: _____	43a. INFANT TRANSFERRED? (YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter name of facility transferred to: _____	43b. INFANT TRANSFERRED? (YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter name of facility transferred to: _____	43c. INFANT TRANSFERRED? (YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter name of facility transferred to: _____	43d. INFANT TRANSFERRED? (YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter name of facility transferred to: _____	43e. INFANT TRANSFERRED? (YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter name of facility transferred to: _____	43f. INFANT TRANSFERRED? (YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter name of facility transferred to: _____	43g. INFANT TRANSFERRED? (YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter name of facility transferred to: _____	43h. INFANT TRANSFERRED? (YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter name of facility transferred to: _____	43i. INFANT TRANSFERRED? (YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter name of facility transferred to: _____
44. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS OF THE NEWBORN (Check all that apply)	44a. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS OF THE NEWBORN (Check all that apply)	44b. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS OF THE NEWBORN (Check all that apply)	44c. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS OF THE NEWBORN (Check all that apply)	44d. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS OF THE NEWBORN (Check all that apply)	44e. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS OF THE NEWBORN (Check all that apply)	44f. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS OF THE NEWBORN (Check all that apply)	44g. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS OF THE NEWBORN (Check all that apply)	44h. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS OF THE NEWBORN (Check all that apply)	44i. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS OF THE NEWBORN (Check all that apply)
45. IS INFANT DECEASED? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	45a. IS INFANT DECEASED? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	45b. IS INFANT DECEASED? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	45c. IS INFANT DECEASED? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	45d. IS INFANT DECEASED? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	45e. IS INFANT DECEASED? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	45f. IS INFANT DECEASED? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	45g. IS INFANT DECEASED? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	45h. IS INFANT DECEASED? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	45i. IS INFANT DECEASED? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
46. HEPATITIS B VACCINATION GIVEN? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	46a. HEPATITIS B VACCINATION GIVEN? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	46b. HEPATITIS B VACCINATION GIVEN? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	46c. HEPATITIS B VACCINATION GIVEN? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	46d. HEPATITIS B VACCINATION GIVEN? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	46e. HEPATITIS B VACCINATION GIVEN? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	46f. HEPATITIS B VACCINATION GIVEN? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	46g. HEPATITIS B VACCINATION GIVEN? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	46h. HEPATITIS B VACCINATION GIVEN? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO	46i. HEPATITIS B VACCINATION GIVEN? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
47. IF YES, DATE GIVEN (Month, Day, Year)	47a. IF YES, DATE GIVEN (Month, Day, Year)	47b. IF YES, DATE GIVEN (Month, Day, Year)	47c. IF YES, DATE GIVEN (Month, Day, Year)	47d. IF YES, DATE GIVEN (Month, Day, Year)	47e. IF YES, DATE GIVEN (Month, Day, Year)	47f. IF YES, DATE GIVEN (Month, Day, Year)	47g. IF YES, DATE GIVEN (Month, Day, Year)	47h. IF YES, DATE GIVEN (Month, Day, Year)	47i. IF YES, DATE GIVEN (Month, Day, Year)



Figure A-5

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**STATE OF UTAH - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

LOCAL FILE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ STATE FILE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

<b>DECEDENT</b>	1. NAME OF DECEDENT FIRST MIDDLE LAST				2. SEX		3a. DATE OF DEATH (Mo., Day, Yr.)		3b. TIME OF DEATH (24 hr. clock)			
	4. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Yr.)				5. AGE- Last Birthday		IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days		IF UNDER 24 HRS. Hours Minutes			
	6. BIRTHPLACE (City & State or Foreign Country)				7. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER							
	8a. PLACE OF DEATH (check only one) <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> 2. ER/Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> 3. DOA				ALL OTHER LOCATIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Residence (any) <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Other (specify) _____				8b. NAME OF HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME OR OTHER FACILITY (if outside a facility, give street address of location)			
	9c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH				9d. COUNTY OF DEATH				9. SURVIVING SPOUSE (if wife, give maiden name)			
	10. WAS DECEDENT EVER IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES? <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 2. No				11. MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Married <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Divorced				12a. DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life. Do NOT enter retired)		12b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY	
	13a. RESIDENCE - STREET AND NUMBER				13b. CITY, TOWN OR COMMUNITY				13c. COUNTY		13d. STATE	
	13e. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 2. No				13f. ZIP CODE				14. WAS DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? (if yes Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Mexican <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Cuban <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Other (Specify) _____		15. RACE - Black, White, Am. Indian (tribe may be entered), Japanese, etc. (Specify)	
	16. EDUCATION (specify only highest grade completed) Elementary or Secondary (0-12) College (13-16 or 17+)											
	17. FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last)				18. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER (First, Middle, Last)							
<b>INFORMANT</b>	19. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND MAILING ADDRESS OF INFORMANT											
<b>DISPOSITION</b>	20. METHOD OF DISPOSITION <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Entombment <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Donation <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Other <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Burial <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Cremation <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Removal				21a. DATE OF DISPOSITION		21b. PLACE OF DISPOSITION (name of cemetery, crematory, or other place)		21c. LOCATION - City or Town, State			
	22. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSEE				23. LICENSEE NUMBER		24. FUNERAL HOME (Name and address)					
<b>CERTIFIER</b>	25. DATE DECEASED WAS LAST ATTENDED BY CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN				26. If not certified by medical examiner, was death reported to M.E.? <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 2. No If yes, enter the date and hour reported. M.E. CASE NO. _____ HR. _____ MO. _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____							
	27a. CERTIFIER <input type="checkbox"/> 1. <u>CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN</u> : To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. <u>MEDICAL EXAMINER/LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL</u> : On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date, place and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated.											
	27b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER				27c. LICENSE NUMBER		27d. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year)					
	28. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO CERTIFIED THE CAUSE OF DEATH (Item 31) (Type/Print)											
<b>REGISTRAR</b>	29. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE				30a. DATE REGISTRAR NOTIFIED OF DEATH (Mo., Day, Yr.)				30b. DATE FILED (Mo., Day, Yr.)			
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>	31. PART I. ENTER THE DISEASES, INJURIES, OR COMPLICATIONS THAT CAUSED THE DEATH. DO NOT ENTER THE MODE OF DYING, SUCH AS CARDIAC OR RESPIRATORY ARREST, SHOCK, OR HEART FAILURE. LIST ONLY ONE CAUSE ON EACH LINE.  IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death) a. _____ DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF): b. _____ DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF): c. _____ DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF): d. _____  Sequentially list conditions, if any, leading to immediate cause. Enter UNDERLYING CAUSE (disease or injury that initiated events resulting in death) LAST											
	PART II. Other Significant Conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I				32. IN YOUR OPINION, TOBACCO USE BY THE DECEDENT: <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Probably contributed to the cause of death. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Was the underlying cause of death. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Did not contribute to the cause of death. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Is unknown in relation to the cause of death.				33a. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 2. No		33b. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF CAUSE OF DEATH? <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 2. No	
	34. MANNER OF DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Natural <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Accident <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Undetermined <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Pending Investigation If injured Purposely or Accidentally				35a. DATE OF INJURY (Mo., Day, Yr.)		35b. TIME OF INJURY (24 Hour Clock)		35c. INJURY AT WORK? <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 2. No		35d. PLACE OF INJURY - At home, farm, street, factory, office, building, etc. (specify)	
					35e. LOCATION (Street or rural route number, city or town, county and state.)				35f. If motor vehicle accident specify if decedent was driver, passenger or pedestrian.			
	35g. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (enter sequence of events which resulted in injury, NATURE OF INJURY should be entered in item 31)											

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Figure A-6

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**STATE OF UTAH - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
FETAL DEATH CERTIFICATE**

LOCAL FILE NUMBER		STATE FILE NUMBER	
1 NAME OF FETUS FIRST MIDDLE LAST		2 SEX	3a DATE OF DELIVERY (Mo Day Yr) 3b TIME OF DELIVERY (24 hr. clock)
4 PLACE OF DELIVERY - HOSPITAL NAME (if not in hospital, give street & address)		5 CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION OF DELIVERY 6 COUNTY OF DELIVERY	
7a MOTHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last)		7b MAIDEN LAST NAME	8 MOTHER'S DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)
9a RESIDENCE-STATE 9b COUNTY		9c CITY, COUNTY, OR LOCATION 9d STREET AND NUMBER	
9e INSIDE CITY LIMITS? 9f ZIP CODE		10 FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last) 11 FATHER'S DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)	
12 OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? 12a Mother: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 12b Father: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes indicate: <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic (Specify) _____		13 RACE - American Indian (Tribe may be entered) Black, White, Japanese, etc. (Specify) _____ 14a MOTHER OCCUPATION WORKED LAST YEAR 14b FATHER _____ 14c MOTHER KIND OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS 14d FATHER _____ 15a MOTHER EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed) Elementary or Secondary (10 through 12) or College (13 through 16 or 17+). 15b FATHER _____	
16 PREGNANCY HISTORY (Complete each section) LIVE BIRTHS: 16a Now Living Number _____ 16b Now Dead Number _____ 16c (Do not include this fetus) Number _____ 16d DATE OF LAST LIVE BIRTH (Month, Year) _____ 16e DATE OF LAST OTHER TERMINATION (Month, Year) _____		17 MOTHER MARRIED? (At delivery, conception or any time between) (Yes or No) _____ 18 DATE LAST NORMAL MENSES BEGAN (Month, Day, Year) _____ 19 MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN-First, Second, Third, etc. (Specify) _____ 20 PRENATAL VISITS-Total number (if none, so state) _____ 21 WEIGHT OF FETUS (Grams) _____ 22 CLINICAL ESTIMATE OF GESTATION (Weeks) _____ 23a PLURILITY-Single, Twin, Triplet, etc. (Specify) _____ 23b IF NOT SINGLE BIRTH-Born First, Second, Third, etc. (Specify) _____	
24 PART I. Fetal or maternal condition directly causing fetal death. Enter only one cause per line for a, b, and c. a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF: _____ DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF: _____ DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF: _____ Fetal and/or maternal conditions, if any, giving rise to the immediate cause(s), stating the underlying cause last. _____ PART II. Other significant conditions of fetus or mother contributing to fetal death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I. _____		25 FETUS DIED BEFORE LABOR, DURING LABOR OR DELIVERY, UNKNOWN (Specify) _____	
26a I CERTIFY that the fetus certified above was delivered at the place and time and on the date stated above and did not show evidence of life, and to the best of my knowledge died from the cause stated.		26b ATTENDANT - Name, Title (MD, DO Certified Nurse Midwife, Other Midwife or Other Person) AND LICENSE NO. (Type or print)	
27 NAME AND LOCATION OF INSTITUTION IN CHARGE OF DISPOSITION (Hospital, Laboratory, Funeral Home)		28 PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR DISPOSITION	
29 PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Hospital, Cemetery)		30 DATE OF DISPOSITION (Mo., Day, Yr.)	
31 REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE		32 DATE filed by registrar (Mo., Day, Yr.)	
33a MEDICAL RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> 01 Anemia (Hct. < 30/Hgb. < 10) <input type="checkbox"/> 02 Cardiac Disease <input type="checkbox"/> 03 Acute or chronic lung disease <input type="checkbox"/> 21 Pre-existing diabetes (Type I or II) <input type="checkbox"/> 22 Gestational diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> 05 Genital herpes <input type="checkbox"/> 06 Hemoglobinopathy <input type="checkbox"/> 07 Polyhydramnios / Oligohydramnios <input type="checkbox"/> 08 Hypertension, chronic <input type="checkbox"/> 09 Hypertension, pregnancy-associated <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Eclampsia <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Incompetent cervix <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Previous infant 4000 + grams <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Previous preterm infant <input type="checkbox"/> 14 Previous small-for gestational-age infant <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Renal disease <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Rh sensitization <input type="checkbox"/> 17 Rubella <input type="checkbox"/> 18 Uterine bleeding <input type="checkbox"/> 00 None <input type="checkbox"/> 19 Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Unknown		34 ANTEPARTUM PROCEDURES DURING THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> 01 Amniocentesis <input type="checkbox"/> 02 Electronic fetal monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> 03 Induction of labor <input type="checkbox"/> 04 Stimulation of labor <input type="checkbox"/> 05 Tocoysis <input type="checkbox"/> 06 Ultrasound <input type="checkbox"/> 00 None <input type="checkbox"/> 07 Other (Specify) _____ 35 METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> 01 Vaginal <input type="checkbox"/> 02 Vaginal birth after previous C-section <input type="checkbox"/> 03 Primary C-section <input type="checkbox"/> 04 Repeat C-section <input type="checkbox"/> 05 Forceps <input type="checkbox"/> 06 Vacuum <input type="checkbox"/> 07 Hysterotomy / Hysterectomy 36 COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> 01 Febrile (> 100°F. or 38°C.) <input type="checkbox"/> 02 Meconium, moderate / heavy <input type="checkbox"/> 03 Premature rupture of membrane (> 12 hours) <input type="checkbox"/> 04 Abruptio placenta <input type="checkbox"/> 05 Placenta previa <input type="checkbox"/> 06 Other excessive bleeding <input type="checkbox"/> 07 Scleroses during labor <input type="checkbox"/> 08 Precipitous labor (< 3 hours) <input type="checkbox"/> 09 Prolonged labor (> 20 hours) <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Dysfunctional labor <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Breech / Malpresentation <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Cephalopelvic disproportion <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Cord prolapse <input type="checkbox"/> 14 Anesthetic complications <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Fetal distress <input type="checkbox"/> 00 None <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 17 Unknown	
33b OTHER RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY Tobacco use during pregnancy Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Average number of cigarettes per day _____ Alcohol use during pregnancy Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Average number of drinks per week _____ Mother's height _____ feet _____ inches Mother's pre-pregnancy weight _____ lbs. Mother's weight gain during pregnancy _____ lbs.		37 CONGENITAL ANOMALIES OF FETUS (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> 01 Anencephalus <input type="checkbox"/> 02 Spina bifida / Meningocele <input type="checkbox"/> 03 Hydrocephalus <input type="checkbox"/> 04 Microcephalus <input type="checkbox"/> 05 Other central nervous system anomalies (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 06 Heart Malformations (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 07 Other circulatory anomalies (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 08 Respiratory anomalies (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 09 Rectal atresia / stenosis <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Tracheo-esophageal fistula / esophageal atresia <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Omphalocele / Gastroschisis <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Other gastrointestinal anomalies (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Malformed genitalia <input type="checkbox"/> 14 Renal agenesis <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Other urogenital anomalies (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Cleft lip / palate <input type="checkbox"/> 17 Polyactyly / Syndactyly / Adactyly <input type="checkbox"/> 18 Club foot <input type="checkbox"/> 19 Diaphragmatic hernia <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Other musculoskeletal / Integumental anomalies (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 21 Down's syndrome <input type="checkbox"/> 22 Other chromosomal anomalies (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 23 Multiple anomalies <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Fetal alcohol syndrome <input type="checkbox"/> 00 None <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 26 Unknown	

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The completeness of registration for births was last tested at the state level in conjunction with the 1950 U.S. Census of the Population and was found to be 98.7 percent complete at that time. At the present time, more than 99 percent of all Utah's resident births occur in hospitals. This fact, coupled with information from sample studies, indicates that the completeness of birth certificate registration now exceeds 99 percent.

The registration of fetal deaths at 20 weeks or more gestation is required by statute. Since May 1981, the institution where the delivery occurs has the responsibility for filing a fetal death certificate if the delivery results in a fetal death. Fetal death certificates are to be registered by the fifth day after the delivery and before disposition of the remains.

Most deliveries (99%) occur in hospitals and women who miscarry unexpectedly at 20 weeks or more are usually taken to a hospital if they are not already there. Funeral directors are responsible for checking that a fetal death certificate has been filed for all such dispositions they handle.

### Limitation of Small Numbers

All statistics are subject to chance variation. Such random variation in a large number of events has little effect on the data for the group; however, random variation in a small number of events may result in a startling change in the data for the group. For example, minor differences in the number of births or deaths in small populations or in the number of deaths from uncommon causes may result in large changes in these rates. Rates for areas of small population or for events with few occurrences should be interpreted with this limitation in mind.

### Cause of Death

Cause of death statistics are derived from the medical certification information required by law to be reported on the death or fetal death certificate by the attending physician or medical examiner. The medical certification item on certificates of death and fetal death has a provision for reporting three causes of death--immediate, intervening, and underlying, plus additional information related to the cause of death.

The cause of death selected for coding and tabulating mortality statistics is the "underlying cause of death," which is generally defined as the disease or injury which initiated the sequence of morbid events leading directly to death.

Occasionally death certificates are registered with the cause of death information incomplete, inconsistent, or equivocal, and additional information from the center is not available. In such cases, selection and modification rules are used to select the underlying cause of death for statistical purposes. Selection and modification rules which adapt the coding procedures to reporting practices in the United States are published by the Public Health Service, National Center for Health Statistics, in annual editions of the Vital Statistics Instructional Manual.

The Eighth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases was used to code the underlying cause of death on Utah's death certificates for data years 1968 through 1978. The Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases was used to code the underlying cause of death in Utah for data years 1979-1998, and the current Tenth Revision was used to code the 1999-2003 data in this report.

Comparability ratios between revisions are computed by the National Center for Health Statistics and are published in Utah's Vital Statistics: Births and Deaths, 1980 for the earlier revision and can be found on our web site as described in the preface of this publication for the new and current version. Comparability ratios for some cause of death codes show extreme variations and utmost caution should be taken in interpreting any cause of death trends that span the Eighth and Ninth Revisions<sup>2</sup> or the Ninth and Tenth Revisions<sup>3</sup> of the International Classification of Diseases.

## Geographic Bases

Birth and death data can be presented by place of occurrence of the event or by place of usual residence of the individual. For deaths, "place of residence" for the decedent is defined as the usual residence of the decedent. For births, "place of residence" for the child is defined as the usual residence of the mother.

Reallocation of birth and death certificates to the state of residence has been virtually complete on a nationwide basis since 1955. This is made possible by a cooperative program among the states for exchange of copies of certificates of non-resident events for statistical purposes only.

For analytical purposes, sometimes it is meaningful to tabulate accidental deaths by place of occurrence rather than by place of residence. Statistical tabulations of accidental deaths "by place of occurrence" refer to the place where the death occurred, and not the place where the accident occurred. A hypothetical example may help to clarify the above explanation. Assume that a resident of Denver, Colorado is involved in a motor vehicle accident in Wendover, Nevada and requires emergency aid of a special nature. The closest available facility is the Tooele Valley Hospital in Tooele, Utah. After arriving at the hospital, the patient succumbs to conditions arising from the accident. In such cases, the "place of occurrence" of the death for statistical purposes would be Tooele, Utah, not Wendover, Nevada; however, there can also be a table of accidental deaths by place where the accident occurred. In this example, the death would be classified as an accidental death to a non-resident which occurred in Utah. The place where the accident occurred would be out-of-state (Wendover, Nevada).

## Race/Ethnic Origin

The Utah Department of Health began tabulating birth data by race of mother in the 1990 data year. Prior to 1990, birth data was tabulated by race of infant.

This change corresponds to the 1989 revision of the Utah birth certificate. Caution should be used when comparing the racial classification of birth data prior to 1990 with data collected in 1990 and later. An explanation of the factors that brought about the racial classification change of birth data and the problems of analyzing the trend data is available in Utah's Vital Statistics Annual Report: 1990.

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<sup>1</sup> Utah State Legislature; Utah Code and Constitution/Title 26 -- Utah Health Code Sections 26-2-1 through 26-2-28 (Utah Code Annotated, 1953); Laws/Constitution web site [www.le.state.ut.us](http://www.le.state.ut.us).

<sup>2</sup> National Center for Health Statistics, "Estimates of selected comparability ratios based on dual coding of 1976 death certificates by the Eighth and Ninth Revisions of the International Classification of Diseases"; Monthly Vital Statistics Report, Vol. 28, No. 11(S); February 29, 1980.

<sup>3</sup> National Center for Health Statistics, (a) "Comparability of cause of death between ICD-9 and ICD-10: Preliminary estimates"; National Vital Statistics Report; Vol. 49, No. 2; 2001 and (b) "Deaths: Final data for 1999"; National Vital Statistics Reports: Vol. 49, No. 8; 2001.